Albany Feb 3/60.

Dear Booth,

I have just seen Mr McCall, & he is anxious to give me as strong a "test" "Journal," as possible, & asks to procure some other names of influence, but has no knowledge as to my capacity for the duties of the office, (which no pct. he does not ~~is~~ requisite therein,) he can readily testify as to my integrity. he therefore would like

if you could address
him a note, giving
your opinion as to my
capacity for the office,
you can readily remem-
ber my engagement
in the working of Silver,
German Silver &c for
some years. I can say
that it was about like
16 years I was engaged
in that branch of
the Arts.

I regret that I should trouble
you, but if I succeed it
will require nothing
omitted, & I have thrown
myself into this matter
& I must go ahead for Mr McCall
The note you wrote you
can send to me, (with
the other papers) & direct
it to Mr McCall, only
I should know that it
is sent.

I am placed by your
extreme Kindness,
which has been so mis-
-ly extended to me, since
our first acquaintance
now near 30 years.
that I can never repay,
but you must take the
will for the deed
I write thus to expedite
the matter as I called at
the Mint & did not see you

Yours truly

Sept. 3. 1866

Jos. E. Hoven

this applic. for Ch. Coiner